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REFS: (A) STATE 128595, (B) STATE 127406, (C) USNATO 5134

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1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON MAY 22 WITH SECDEF PARTY AND WILL CERTAINLY WANT TO DISCUSS THOSE MATTERS RAISED IN REF A IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE ALSO SENT OUT SEPARATE CABLE (REF C) DESCRIBING OUR VIEWS ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ORDERING OF THE SECOND DAY'S AGENDA AND OUR NEED FOR URGENT GUIDANCE SO WE CAN RECONCILE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROGRAM AS DESCRIBED REFS A AND B AND THAT DEVELOPED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (REF C). OUR FURTHER COMMENTS ON REF A AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION FOLLOW BELOW.

2. FIRST DAY - PEGGED TO TIMES LISTED REF A:

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(A) 1003: WE NOTE THAT CATEGORIES LISTED AS PARTICIPATING IN WIVES' PROGRAM DO NOT INCLUDE SPOUSES OF DEPUTY PERMREPS, A MATTER WHICH WE THOUGHT HAD BEEN RESOLVED PER USNATO 5057 AND STATE 127762. WE ALSO NOTE THAT CATEGORIES DO NOT
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INCLUDE SPOUSES OF HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS FROM CAPITALS, SUCH AS NATO POLITICAL DIRECTORS, MFA SECRETARY OR DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERALS, OFFICIALS FROM OFFICES OF HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT, ETC. WE BELIEVE THAT LIST OF SPOUSES PARTICIPATING IN WIVES' PROGRAM SHOULD BE LESS RESTRICTIVE AND INCLUDE AS MANY WIVES AS POSSIBLE FROM DELEGATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

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(B) 1300: SECRETARY VANCE'S LUNCHEON - HERE TOO SOME CATEGORIES ARE MISSING, I.E., THE DEPUTY PERMREPS WHO SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS WELL AS RANKING MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS FROM CAPITALS WHO DO NOT FIT IN LISTED CATEGORIES AND APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL STAFF REPRESENTATIVES. THIS IS COMPANION ISSUE TO THAT CITED ABOVE AND REFERRED TO IN OUR SEPTTEL; I.E., SPECIFICITY AS TO WHO IS BEING INVITED TO WHAT AND IF SOME ARE NOT INVITED WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH THEM. AGAIN WE URGE, BASED ON THE SHOW THE BRITISH PUT ON LAST YEAR THAT MORE BE INCLUDED RATHER THAN LESS. ALSO, IN THE LISTING OF CATEGORIES FOR THE SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON THE RANKING OF NATO PERMREPS AND NATO POLITICAL DIRECTORS SHOULD BE REVERSED.

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(C) 1830-2030: WE HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM PREVIOUS PHONE CALLS THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY'S MAY 30 MEAL WOULD BE BLACK TIE. THIS IS NOT SPECIFIED IN REFS A AND B AND WE NEED IT PINNED DOWN, AS WELL AS MORE SPECIFICITY AND HOPEFULLY INCLUSIVITY REGARDING CATEGORY "SELECTED NATO DELEGATION MEMBERS". AS INDICATED ABOVE, WE SHOULD BE GENEROUS. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME PARTICIPANTS AT DEPUTY SECRETARY'S FUNCTION MAY BE GOING ON TO WHITE HOUSE FOR COFFEE WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE BLACK TIE FOR THEM. OTHERS, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN SUBSEQUENT COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING, HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT THEY WOULD PREFER BUFFET NOT BE CONFIDENTIAL

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BLACK TIE.)

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1930: WE ASSUME THIS TIME IS FIRM FOR PRESIDENT'S DINNER, BUT NEED CONFIRMATION.

3. COMMENTS ON SECOND DAY:

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(A) 0930: WE HAD ASSUMED FROM REF B THAT PRESIDENT WAS PARTICIPATING IN 0930 OPENING BUT REF A INDICATES THIS IS NOT THE CASE. WILL OTHER HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND AT 0930?

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(B) 1250: WILL PRESIDENT CARTER HOST WORKING LUNCH? WHO ARE PRINCIPAL NATO DELEGATION MEMBERS? WHAT DO WE PROPOSE TO DO FOR OTHERS?

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(C) 1250 ON: OUR PROPOSALS FOR STRUCTURING SECOND DAY AGENDA IN PARTICULAR AFTERNOON PROGRAM, ARE CONTAINED REF C.

4. AS INDICATED REF C, WE NEED GUIDANCE ON THESE SUBSTANTIVE, PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO.

5. FINAL NOTE ON COMMUNIQUE PREPARATION: PRESENT INTENTION OF SPC IS TO MEET AFTERNOON OF MAY 29 AND WORK INTO EVENING AS LONG AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE WORK ON COMMUNIQUE. ACCORDINGLY, CATERING OF AN INFORMAL MEAL (WE SUGGEST SANDWICHES, SOFT DRINKS, AND LATE EVENING COFFEE, ETC.) WILL BE NEEDED FOR EVENING OF MAY 29. HOWEVER, WE ANTICI-

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PATE THAT WORK WILL NOT IN FACT BE FINISHED MAY 29 AND LATE EVENING SESSION ON MAY 30 WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE. ACCORDINGLY, CATERING COULD BE REQUIRED ON THIS OCCASION AS WELL, I.E., COFFEE AND LIGHT, LATE EVENING FARE. DEPARTMENT SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON LIKELY TOTAL OF 40-50 PARTICIPANTS AT EACH SESSION. GLITMAN

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